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SUBJECT: BRITISH FLOOD RELIEF AID TO PAKISTAN

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1. FCO HAS CORRECTED ITS PROJECTION OF HMG ACTION (REFTEL). BRITISH ODA POINTED OUT THAT CONVERSION OF 6.5 MILLION POUNDS CREDIT ASSISTANCE TO STRAIGHT GRANT WILL NOT PUT ANY NEW FUNDS IMMEDIATELY AT GOP DISPOSITION. INSTEAD BRITISH HAVE AUTHORIZED THEIR AMBASSADOR IN ISLAMABAD TO TELL GOP THAT BRITISH HAVE NO OBJECTION IF GOP WISHES TO SPEND THE OUTSTANDING 6.5 MILLION FOR FLOOD RELIEF RATHER THAN DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.
 2. SHOULD GOP INDICATE IT HAS PLANS TO SPEND 6.5 MILLION POUNDS ON DEVELOPMENT AND IS RELUCTANT TO DIVERT IT TO FLOOD RELIEF, BRITISH AMBASSADOR AUTHORIZED TO SAY HMG WILL LOOK FAVORABLY AT GOP REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.
 3. OUR FCO SOURCE INDICATED REPORTS FROM ISLAMABAD
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POINT TO MAJOR PROBLEMS AS RESULT OF FLOOD AND BRITISH

WONDER IF UN MIGHT NOT EVENTUALLY BE ASKED TO STEP INTO
THAT SITUATION TOO.

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